



**DEFENSE TRAVEL
MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

Overseas Cost of Living Allowance Adjustments

November 2011

Effective in November 2011, approximately 29 Service members stationed in Istanbul, Turkey and 122 member stationed in London, United Kingdom will see an increase to their Overseas Cost of Living Allowance (COLA).

An increase indicates that price differences have increased from being that much more expensive in comparison to average prices in the Continental United States (CONUS). A decrease in this allowance indicates that the prices of goods and services have declined in comparison. Overseas COLA is not a fixed amount and adjustments based on data are either immediate or made incrementally, depending on whether the payment will increase or decrease. Increases in COLA are made immediately, whereas COLA reductions are phased in over time to help minimize the impact of the adjustment. Please refer to Table 1 for the COLA index point adjustment by duty station location.

Location	Current Index	New Index	Point Change	Adjustment Begins	Adjustment Complete
Istanbul, Turkey	104	110	+6	1 Nov 11	1 Nov 11
London, United Kingdom	152	158	+6	16 Nov 11	16 Nov 11

Table 1: COLA Adjustments - November 2011

**All indexes are subject to change subject to currency fluctuations*

Service members can calculate their COLA rate at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/colaCalc.cfm>.

The calculation tool is updated with the current COLA amounts each pay-period.

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